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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPEECH AT NAVAL
ACADEMY, JUNE 7

1. JAPANESE TELEVISION AND PRESS ON JUNE 8 ALL GAVE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO PRESIDENT'S SPEECH ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. MANY PAPERS ALSO CARRIED NEGATIVE SOVIET REACTION AND CRITICISM OF SPEECH. (ICA TOKYO MEDIA REACTION REPORTS OF JUNE 8 AND 9 PROVIDE DETAILED SUMMARY OF PRESS TREATMENT.)

2. PRESS COMMENTARIES GENERALLY SAW SPEECH AS HEARLDING TOUGHER U.S. APPROACH TO SOVIETS. ASAHI SHIMBUN CALLED IT "MOST COMPREHENSIVE AND FRANK EXPRESSION OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD SOVIET UNION IN RECENT YEARS," NOTED THAT SPEECH CONTAINED MIXTURE OF CARROT AND STICK APPROACHES TOWARD SOVIET UNION, BUT THOUGHT EMPHASIS CLEARLY WAS ON LATTER. YOMIURI SHIMBUN OBSERVED THAT "DETENTE HAS ENTERED CRUCIAL PERIOD" AND WORRIED THAT U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS WERE "MORE UNSTABLE THAN AT ANY TIME DURING PAST FEW YEARS." SANKEI SHIMBUN SAID U.S. HAD TOSSED BALL TO SOVIETS TO DETERMINE FUTURE OF DETENTE. "SOVIET UNION MUST TAKE CARE IN ITS POLICIES LEST IT CAUSE U.S. TO TURN TO RIGHT..."

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3. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SPEECH WITH BROAD RANGE OF CONTACTS, INITIAL SAMPLING WITHIN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INDICATED HIGHLY FAVORABLE REACTION. SENIOR OFFICIALS DEALING WITH SOVIET AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS, IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBOFF, CHARACTERIZED SPEECH AS WELL CONCEIVED, CLEAR AND COMPREHENSIVE EXPOSITION OF U.S. POLICY. THEY FELT ITS

FORMULATION CONCERNING "LINKAGE" WAS WELL DRAWN.
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